



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Sturgeon et al.

Art Unit: 2861
Batch No.

SEPARABLE KEY FOR ESTABLISHING
DETACHABLE PRINTER COMPONENT
COMPATIBILITY WITH A PRINTER

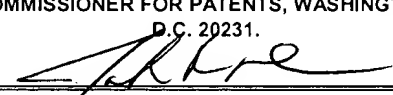
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action dated October 28, 2002, applicants hereby
seek to amend their application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1, 3-7, 10, 16-20, and 23. Claims 11, 12, 15, 21, 22, 24,
and 25 have been amended herewith. A complete set of claims as amended herein
is provided below. A redlined version of the amended claims is attached as
Attachment A to this amendment.

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1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously Amended) A mechanism for establishing compatibility of a printer
component with a printer comprising:
- a printer component mounting portion operably secured to the printer;
 - a separate key element detachably secured to said component mounting
portion, adjacent to said printer component;
 - at least one tab extending from the printer component, said at least one tab
positioned and oriented in a defined and unique tab pattern thereby indicating a
required characteristic of the printer component; and
 - said separate key element having at least one mating slot positioned and

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
(X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Box Non-Fee Amendments")
(X) Other: IDS; 1.97(e) statement; and cited references (5) (fee \$)

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TOTAL CLAIMS	17	MINUS	30	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	6	MINUS	7	= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$400.00	3RD MONTH \$920.00	4TH MONTH \$1440.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

Charge \$ 0 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

Sturgeon et al.

By 

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Date: 12/30/2002